

## **Jordan Section**

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### **Getting Closer to Industry**

The problem with low number of members from industry has not been changed too much. The majority of our members are from the academia. Our industry does not have much research and development centers, and membership from industry is constantly low.

To foster the Industry relation a memorandum of understanding was signed in 2014 with the Jordan engineering Association (JEA). A result of this MOU, Amman Metro area workshop was held in March 2016 in collaboration with JEA. In this workshop we get representatives from many sectors in the industry. The plan is to re-hold this workshop again next year with JEA collaboration.

The section conference AEECT2015 was sponsored from many companies, the golden sponsor was Umniah telecom company. Our chapters are trying to held some events in cooperation with the industry.

We will continue with the help of our four technical chapters to foster and enhance our relation with the local industries through holding joint events.

### **Students and Young Professionals**

The recently appointed Student Activities Coordinator and the Section Student Representative worked hard with the YP AG to organize great events.

They launch Internships Program for the Jordanian IEEE members, volunteers and followers, they will provide them with internship opportunities to develop and enhance their personal and professional skills. We consider the program as an added value for IEEE membership and a way to develop the membership either on the young professionals or student members levels with an exclusive benefit.

Also they are in the process of launching the Mentorship Program, the program aims to build a base of mentors for the Student members so they can refer to them once they need any help related to the professional life, career advice and life after universities.

A number of students volunteers in collaboration with the YP AG are in the process of organizing the IEEEExtreme 10.0 programming competition.

The Jordan Student Branches Congress (JSBC 2016) was successfully held at Yarmouk University in 23/7/2016.

These activities are fully supported by the section. Also the section supports a number of students to attend the IEEE R8 Student and Young Professional Congress in Regensburg, Germany, August 2016.

### **Section Vitality**

The Section Annual Meeting has been held on 28 May 2016 in Le Meridian Hotel, Amman. The Section and Chapter Chairs reported about past year activities and their plans for 2016. New elected officers have been announced. Members present at the meeting were invited to self nominate for appointed voluntary officers/coordinator positions. A seminar on the subject of renewable energy was presented. After the seminar a social event - Annual Dinner has been held. A number of prizes and awards were distributed among the members during the event.

We think that the work of the volunteers would have great impact on the growth and the success of the section.

### **Miscellaneous / Recommendations / Feedback**

The AEECT2017 organization committee was formed.

Amman metro area workshop will be held again in 2017.

The section technically co-sponsored a number of conferences.